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## FIRST AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

January 2, 2002

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action dated 02 October 2001. Reconsideration of the Patent Office's rejections is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments to the claims and the accompanying remarks.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the Claims as follows:

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